

2008-'09

CIS MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



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MEN'S BASKETBALL - 2008-'09 SYNOPSIS

Under the guidance of veteran coach John Dore, the 2008-'09 Concordia Stingers men's basketball team ran up an overall record of 21-9 and spent the entire year ranked in the CIS Top 10.

The Stingers won their third Quebec championship in five years with an exciting 79-76 victory over the UQAM Citadins before an overflow crowd at Concordia gym on March 5. They also knocked off the pesky McGill Redmen by a score of 80-63 in the conference semifinal.

This is the 17th conference title for the Stingers since Concordia University was formed 34 years ago. It is also the 11th regional title for the team since head coach John Dore took over the program in the 1989-'90 season.

Concordia ran up a 19-4 record against CIS competition, including a 14-4 run through the QSSF. The Stingers spent part of the season battling top NCAA/NAIA teams, including Rhode Island and Brigham Young University. It was a challenging venture with just one win and five losses. But the team thoroughly enjoyed the experiences, and it helped prepare the Stingers for the CIS season. Coach Dore has a tradition of seeking out top U.S. teams – Duke and Connecticut in 2006 for example – as part of his season schedule.

Long-time followers of the Stingers likely expected a stronger showing from the team in the early going, especially when the team had a 6-4 win-loss record in Quebec play at the end of January. A number of key players struggled with injuries, and the team did not adapt well to the Quebec conference's new back-to-back games approach.

"Early on, we were a little disjointed," Dore said. "We seem to have settled down. In the last month and a half we won eight games in a row."

The Stingers that will compete in the CIS Final 8 are athletic, intense and composed.

"The best way to describe us is we're a very athletic team," Dore says. "Down the stretch we played with patience and poise. We win all our close games. Mentally, we are very tough."

Team captain and fifth-year veteran Dwayne Buckley had a similar take.

"We're fast," he said, "and we play in-your-face defence. At the nationals we're there talent-wise. For us to win, we have to play harder and smarter than the other teams."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - 2008-'09 SYNOPSIS

Of course, Quebec MVP point guard Damian Buckley will be the centre of attention since a lot of people consider him the best guard in Canada. But the Stingers are not a one-man team and there's a strong leadership group that shapes the program.

"For sure Damian is our leader," Dore said. "But there's a good nucleus of guys that are very close, and it's that unit that makes us strong as a team."

In particular, Dore refers to the three fifth-year players with the team – Quebec defensive player of the year Jamal Gallier, forward Dwayne Buckley and shooting guard Levi Vann.

Much of the 2008-'09 campaign has been devoted to getting these three guys a Quebec championship and another shot at a national title.

With seven athletes who have been at CIS nationals before, Concordia brings a lot of experience and poise to the court. It bodes well for them.

"To succeed you to have to play great defence and play mistake-free basketball," said Dore, "because with this draw anyone can beat anyone on any given day."

Conference Record: 12-4 (first place)

Conference Playoffs: 2-0

Non-Conference CIS Record: 5-0

Overall CIS: 19-4

U.S. College: 1-5

Vs. CIS Top 10: 1-0

Other: 1-0

Overall Record: 21-9

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - 2008-'09 ROSTER

No.	First	Last	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Elig	Course	Year	Hometown	Last
Team										
4	Decee	Krah	G	5'11"	170	2	Marketing	2	Hamilton	Cathedral HS
5	James	Clark	F	6'6"	220	2	Sociology	2	Toronto	Eastern Commerce HS
7	Pierre	Thompson	G	5'10"	179	4	Political Science	4	Brampton, Ont.	Notre Dame Catholic SS
8	Damian	Buckley	PG	6'1"	167	4	Arts	4	Montreal	Vanier College
9	Levi	Vann	G	5'10"	186	5	Political Science	5	Bryan, Texas	Univ. of Saskatchewan
10	Dwayne	Buckley	G	6'3"	173	5	Arts	5	Montreal	Vanier College
11	Hamza	Ruhezamihigo	G	6'3"	182	4	Arts	4	Bujumbura, Burundi	Dawson College
12	Jamal	Gallier	C	6'7"	270	5	Sociology	5	Toronto	Lester B. Pearson HS
13	Desmond	Murphy	C	6'6"	241	3	Human Relations	3	Beaconsfield, Que.	Dawson College
14	Sébastien	Martin	F	6'3"	211	3	Human Environment	3	Granby, Que.	CEGEP Granby
15	Adam	Carneol	SG	6'3"	188	1	Urban Planning	1	Los Angeles, Calif.	Brentwood HS
21	Kafil	Eyitayo	C	6'5"	184	1	Civil Engineering	1	Cotonou, Benin	NA
23	Evens	Laroche	F	6'4"	180	1	Arts	1	Montreal	Dawson College
RS	Carl	Toussaint	G	6'0"	179	1	Civil Engineering	NA	Lake Worth, Fla.	Santaluces HS
RS	Stanley	Guillaume	F	6'4"	197	1	Sociology	NA	Port-Au-Prince, Haiti	CEGEP Edouard-Montpetit

Head Coach: John Dore

Associate Head Coach: Ernie Rosa

Assistant Coaches: David Bloom, Emerson Thomas

Student Therapists: Daniel De Palma, Caitlin Dodd

Team Manager: Hannah Lusthaus

Strength Coach: Sean Christensen

Team Doctor: Ian Shrier

Social Psychologist: Alan Turowetz

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - HEAD COACH



John Dore Head Coach

(20 Years)

First Season 1989-'90

In 2008-'09, John Dore led the Concordia Stingers to their third Quebec title in five years. The team finished in first place with a 12-4 win-loss record and spent the entire season ranked in the CIS Top 10.

At Concordia University, where he has been the head coach since the 1989-'90 season, Dore has taken the Stingers to the national championship tournament 11 times. He won the national crown in 1990 and placed second in 1995 and 2005.

Season Record:

QSSF – 12-4

Playoffs – 2-0

CIS – 19-4

U.S. – 1-5

Overall – 21-9

Tournament Titles:

Concordia-Nike

Tournament

Oct. 10-11, 2008

Wilfrid Laurier

Tournament

Oct. 24-25, 2008

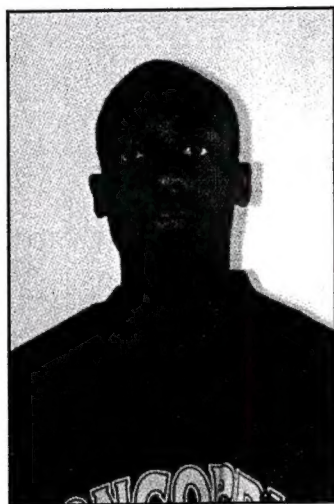
In the fall of 1995, he was named University Coach of the Year by the Foundation for Quebec University Athletics. He has been named the outstanding coach in the Quebec Student Sports Federation conference on 12 occasions, including the 2009 season. In 1991, he was named Men's Basketball Coach of the Year by the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union.

Dore's involvement in basketball doesn't stop at Concordia University. He has been at the helm of several national teams, including Canadian entries at World University Games (Universiade) and the Maccabiah Games. As well, he was president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of Canada and an international committee member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, U.S.A.

Despite all his commitments, Dore also values any time he can spend with young children and teenagers. Perhaps it is because of his 14 years as chairman of the Physical Education Department at St. George's High School and his work with the Quebec provincial team and the Vanier College Cheetahs. Whatever the reasons, Dore never passes on an opportunity to help out at a basketball clinic. In fact, he has his Stingers volunteer at several each season. He encourages all his players to work with youth and has seen many of his current players and graduates get involved with groups like the YMCA and Sun Youth, and take on coaching duties at local high schools.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - DAMIAN BUCKLEY



Statistics: (current regular season only):

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
16	101	205	49.3	24	58	41.4	83	104	79.8	309	19.3
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Min.				
15	70	85	5.3	56	81	47	34.4				

- No. 3 in scoring in the QSSF (19.3), No. 10 in CIS
- No. 3 in free throw percentage in the QSSF (79.8)
- No. 9 in field goal percentage in the QSSF (49.3)
- No. 3 in 3-point shooting in the QSSF (41.4)
- No. 2 in assists in the QSSF (5.1), No. 5 in CIS
- No. 1 in steals in the QSSF (3.5), No. 2 in CIS
- No. 1 in assist/turnover ratio in QSSF (1.7)

Name:

Damian Buckley

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Montreal

Height:

6'1"

Weight:

167

Position:

Guard

Number:

8

Year of Eligibility:

4

Faculty and Program:

Arts

Year in Program:

4th year

Athletic Awards won in current season:

2009 QSSF MVP – unanimous selection
2009 QSSF all-star – unanimous selection

Oct. 10-11, 2008 – MVP Concordia-Nike Tournament
Oct. 24-25, 2008 – MVP Wilfrid Laurier Tournament

Feb. 22, 2009 – Concordia Athlete of the Week
Feb. 8, 2009 – Concordia Athlete of the Week
Dec. 1, 2008 – Concordia Athlete of the Week
Nov. 18, 2008 – Concordia Athlete of the Week

Other Honors:

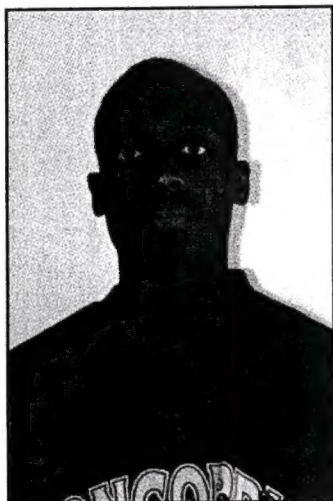
2006 QSSF first team all-star
two-time CCAA all-Canadian

Coach John Dore on Damian Buckley:

- Damian Buckley is the best point guard in the country.
- Damian is our quarterback and leader on the floor. He's very athletic and a very smart player. He's had a big impact on our team, the conference and the CIS.
- Damian has great leadership, presence and poise. He does everything we need him to do. When we need scoring, he scores. When we need him to help make someone better, he does. When we need defence, he stops people.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - DAMIAN BUCKLEY



Brief Sketch

- Damian hit a personal milestone this season. He recorded his 1,000th career point in QSSF regular season play on Feb. 7, 2009 in a game versus the Laval Rouge et Or. It took him 56 games to reach the mark.

- At the end of the 2009 regular season, Buckley's career stats were 113 games played for 1932 points. He scored another 43 points in the two Quebec playoff games, bringing his career total to 1975 in 115 games. He needs 25 points at the CIS Final 8 to reach the 2000-point mark.

- Damian earned a lot of praise when Concordia took on some tough U.S. competition last fall. Against top NCAA teams like Utah State (23 points and seven steals) and Rhode Island (26 points), he proved he can compete with the best.

- Buckley was with Canada's Development Men's National Team last June. He played a key role in Canada's 82-72 win over the U22 All-Star Italian Team (Selezione Lega Nazionale Pallacanestro). He chipped in 14 points for Canada, along with three rebounds and two steals in the game.

- The Concordia Stingers were fortunate to land Buckley in the fall of 2005. He had a lot of interest from NCAA schools and seriously considered an offer from a Division 2 school in Florida. It was a difficult choice for him, but eventually he decided to stay and play with the Stingers and brother Dwayne.

- Buckley is a two-time CCAA all-Canadian out of the Vanier College basketball program.

Name:

Damian Buckley

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Montreal

Height:

6'1"

Weight:

167

Position:

Guard

Number:

8

Year of Eligibility:

4

Faculty and Program:

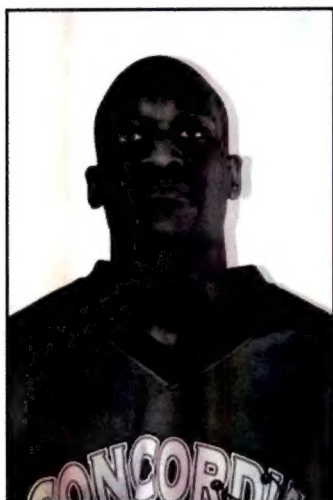
Arts

Year in Program:

4th year

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - DWAYNE BUCKLEY



Name:

Dwayne Buckley

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Montreal

Height:

6'3"

Weight:

173

Position:

Forward

Number:

10

Year of Eligibility:

5

Faculty and Program:

Arts

Year in Program:

5th year

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
16	67	180	37.2	18	59	30.5	47	76	61.8	199	12.4
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
16	64	80	5.0	23	40	38	9	33.9			

No. 11 in scoring in the QSSF (12.4)

No. 5 in blocked shots in the QSSF (9)

No. 8 in assists in QSSF (2.5)

Athletic Awards won in current season:

Concordia Team Captain
Concordia Athlete of the Week – Jan. 4
All-star Concordia-Nike tournament – Oct. 10-11
All-star Wilfrid Laurier tournament – Oct. 24-25

Other Honors:

2007 QSSF First Team All-Star
2007 QSSF Defensive Player of the Year
2006 2nd team QSSF all-star
2004 Male Athlete of the Year at Vanier College

Brief Sketch

• 2007-'08 should have seen Dwayne Buckley emerge as a force in CIS basketball. Instead it was a tough, injury-plagued campaign that saw him play some non-conference games but miss every Quebec league matchup. He had major knee surgery last spring and only started playing again this fall. It's been an arduous comeback to say the least.

• Dwayne's best game in a Stinger uniform was Sept. 2, 2007 when he led the Stingers to an electrifying 86-82 win over the Illinois Fighting Illini at Concordia gym. He was the leading scorer in the game with 28 points. He went 10 for 14 from the field, including two three-pointers. He also went six for seven from the free-throw line.

• This is Dwayne's third trip to the CIS men's basketball national championships. His first year (2005) he was part of Concordia's national championship run that ended with a silver medal in Halifax. In 2007, his Stingers went into the tournament seeded No. 1 but were upset in the first round by the Saint Mary's Huskies. They went on to win the consolation final, beating the No. 2 seeded UBC Thunderbirds 95-92.

• Dwayne has been a winner with every program he has been involved with. He won three high school Quebec championships and four provincial championships in community basketball with the Sun Youth Organization. At Vanier College, he was the Cheetahs MVP and Male Athlete of the Year in 2004.

Comments from head coach John Dore:

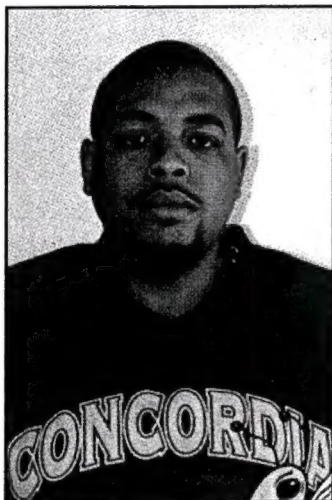
Dwayne is coming off of reconstructive knee surgery. He is getting better and better in each game we play.

He has tremendous athletic abilities. He can drive to the net or he can stay outside and shoot 3s. He is our defensive leader, our stopper.

Dwayne is capable of a breakout game at anytime.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - JAMAL GALLIER



Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
16	62	123	50.4	0	1	0	19	40	47.5	143	8.9
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
36	83	119	7.4	10	12	27	25.3	16			

No. 1 in blocked shots in the QSSF (16 or 1.0)

No. 2 in defensive rebounds in the QSSF (5.2)

No. 3 in rebounding in the QSSF (7.4)

No. 8 in field goal percentage in QSSF (50.4)

Athletic Awards won in current season:

Concordia Team Captain
Concordia Athlete of the Week – Jan. 20, 2009
QSSF second team all-star
QSSF Defensive Player of the Year

Other Honors

2008 QSSF Second Team All-Star

Name:

Jamal Gallier

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Toronto

Height:

6'7"

Weight:

270

Position:

Centre

Number:

12

Year of Eligibility:

5

Faculty and Program:

Sociology

Brief Sketch:

Despite playing only 25 minutes a game, Jamal is the top rebounder on the Stingers and one of the top in the QSSF. In conference play he was third overall with 7.4 rebounds a game. He ranks second in defensive rebounds with 83 which is just one behind the conference leader, Laval's Jerome Routhier, who had 84.

Jamal earned himself double-doubles fairly often. He had three in the regular season, including an exceptional outing versus the McGill Redmen on Jan. 17. That night he had 17 rebounds and 19 points in an 82-69 victory. He also had a double-double in the QSSF semifinal victory over McGill.

Jamal is one of three fifth-year players on the Stingers. The team is rallying around him, Levi Vann and Dwayne Buckley, hoping to give them another shot at a national title. Jamal was with the 2005 team that won a silver medal, losing the final game to the Carleton Ravens. In 2007, his Stingers went into the tournament seeded No. 1 but were upset in the first round by the Saint Mary's Huskies. They went on to win the consolation final, beating the No. 2 seeded UBC Thunderbirds 95-92.

Jamal follows in the footsteps of his older brother Bryan Daley, who had an outstanding career at Concordia as a defensive lineman with the Stingers football team in the late 1990s, including the Vanier Cup finalist team in 1998. Daley is now in his fourth season as defensive line coach with the Stingers.

Comments from head coach John Dore:

Jamal is another player that has really improved. You expect him to be our leading rebounder and score in double digits. He moves extremely well for a guy his size and has great hands.

He is an all-round player with deceptive speed for a six-foot-seven, 270-pound athlete. He anticipates the ball well and gets his hands on a lot of rebounds, blocks and steals. He is a real presence in the paint.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - LEVI VANN



Name:

Levi Vann

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Bryan, Texas

Height:

5'10"

Weight:

186

Position:

Shooting Guard

Number:

9

Year of Eligibility:

5

Faculty and Program:

Political Science 5

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
5	3	14	21.4	3	14	21.4	0	0	0	9	1.8
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
1	1	2	0.4	2	0	3	0	12.6			

• Levi has been hampered in ankle problems all season. He saw limited playing time in five conference games this season. He's been with the Stingers every step of the way, working hard to provide leadership from the sidelines.

• Concordia misses Levi's scoring, especially his three-point shooting. In 2007-'08 he was the second leading scorer on the team, averaging 10 points a game. In 16 Quebec conference games, he made 43 three-pointers on 126 shots (34.1 per cent).

• Levi transferred to Concordia after 1.5 years with the Saskatchewan Huskies basketball program. He joined the Stingers in September 2006 but was only eligible to play in late December.

• Levi's father was an accomplished football player. Cleveland played football for the Saskatchewan Roughriders after finishing his three-year college career as an all-American linebacker (1973) at Oklahoma State. In 1974, he was drafted in the fifth round by the Miami Dolphins. The Texas native headed north to play for the Roughriders in 1976. That year he was the MVP defence in Saskatchewan's 23-20 Grey Cup loss to Ottawa. His playing days with the 'Riders came to an end in 1980 but Cleveland remains a fan favorite. He was named to Saskatchewan's all-century team and was also inducted in the 'Riders Plaza of Honor in 2000.

• Levi set a high school (Balfour Collegiate) and RIBL record when he scored a career-high 64 points (25-39 FGs, 10-20 3FGs, 4-6 FTs) in a 113-66 victory over Regina LeBoldus on Dec. 19, 2002 in Regina.

• Levi was born in Texas but moved to Regina when he was three years old. He is now a Canadian citizen.

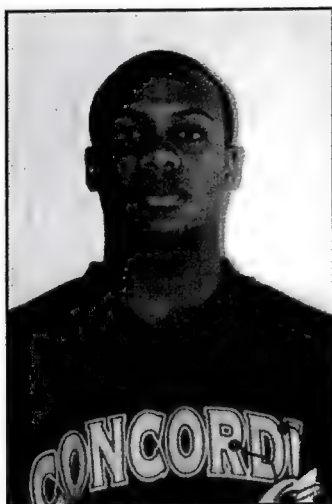
Comments from head coach John Dore:

Levi is a pure shooter. He can turn a game around with his ability to shoot the three. He is a great long distance shooter.

Physically, he is the strongest guy on the team.
Levi is coming off an ankle injury that limited his playing time this year.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - PIERRE THOMPSON



Name:

Pierre Thompson

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Brampton, Ont.

Height:

5'10"

Weight:

179

Position:

Guard

Number:

7

Year of Eligibility:

4

Faculty and Program:

Political Science/Business 4

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
16	22	73	30.1	12	38	31.6	15	23	65.2	71	4.4
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
9	8	17	1.1	11	13	24	0	16.2			

• In the last eight games (all wins), coach John Dore has settled on his starting five. Pierre has been part of that elite group. Although, Dore is making no promises at nationals.

• Pierre is studying Political Science and Business with an eye towards pursuing a career in the business world when he finishes his undergraduate work. He also gives thought to becoming a minister.

• All the Stingers rave about Pierre's ability to play piano. He is self-taught. He does not read music. At times, he has entertained his teammates when they travel. If they can find a piano in a hotel, Pierre will play. He also plays every Sunday at his church – the Resurrection Centre in Lachine, Que.

• Coming out of Ontario high school in 2005, Pierre was much younger than his Quebec counterparts who spend two or three years in the Quebec CEGEP system after high school. It was really quite amazing when four days short of his 18th birthday he suited up for the Stingers versus the No. 1-ranked Duke Blue Devils at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C. Pierre played 12 minutes, picking up four points and one assist in the 123-66 loss.

• Pierre Thompson was MVP of his high school basketball team at Notre Dame Secondary School in 2005.

• He was Concordia basketball's rookie of the year in 2006.

Comments from head coach John Dore:

Pierre is one of the youngest players I've ever coached at Concordia. When he first came to us in September of 2006 he was still 17 years old. These days, he's been playing beyond his years.

He is quick and strong. He has learned to play within his abilities. He's a very good mid-range jump shooter

He's a great defender. He often takes charge of the defence. He is the emotional leader on defence.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - SÉBASTIEN MARTIN



Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
16	31	54	57.4	1	6	16.7	21	41	51.2	84	5.3
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
26	22	48	3.0	5	5	4	1	16.1			

• In the last eight games (all wins), coach John Dore has settled on his starting five. Sébastien has been part of that elite group. Although, Dore is making no promises at nationals.

• He is one the strongest members of the Stingers. Sébastien does 15 reps at 185 lbs. on the bench press. He's also at the top of the pack with the Buckley brothers when the Stingers do endurance testing. He recorded a 13.5 on the Leger-Boucher test.

• Sébastien is one of the most outgoing and genial athletes around the Concordia sports complex, prompting coach Dore to say, "He's got a great personality. He's a great guy on and off the court." He attends more Stinger games across the sports than any other Concordia athlete.

• With CEGEP Granby in 2006, Martin was MVP of the Eastern Townships CEGEP AA men's basketball league. His team won its league championship by beating Shawinigan 63-59. He had 17 points in the championship.

• In March 2007, Martin volunteered for the Canadian Centre for Ethic in Sport (CCES). He filmed a video segment aimed at youth aged 14-21, dealing with marijuana use in sport. It was part of an anti-cannabis campaign CCES launched in September 2007.

Name:

Sébastien Martin

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Granby, Que.

Height:

6'3"

Weight:

211

Position:

Forward

Number:

14

Year of Eligibility:

3

Faculty and Program:

Human Environment 3

Comments from head coach John Dore:

Sébastien plays hard and is very physical. He tries hard to outwork his opponents. He often gets open inside for easy hoops.

Sébastien has come along way from his playing days at CEGEP Granby. He is very strong and competitive inside.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - DESMOND MURPHY



Name:

Desmond Murphy

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Beaconsfield, Que.

Height:

6'6"

Weight:

240

Position:

Centre

Number:

13

Year of Eligibility:

3

Faculty and Program:

Human Relations 3

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
14	2	7	28.6	0	0	0	5	13	38.5	9	0.6

O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.
2	8	10	0.7	2	1	2	1	4.6

At six-foot-six and 240 pounds it's no surprise that Desmond Murphy was an all-star football player at Loyola high school in Montreal. He was also an outstanding basketball player and helped his Loyola Warriors win the Quebec provincial championship in 2002-'03. He was a captain of both teams at Loyola.

Desmond's involvement with the Stingers carries on a family tradition. His father Harold was also wore the school colors. He played basketball at Loyola College, which merged with Sir George Williams University in 1974 to form Concordia. Harold worked at Concordia as a manager of compensation services in the human resources department. He rarely misses a Stingers game.

- Desmond would like to work with children when he moves on to a career. He is considering community organizations.

Desmond's sister Lizanne was the captain of Hofstra University women's basketball team in 2006-07. In her four years in the U.S. she has scored more than 1,000 points and was fourth on Hofstra's all-time scoring and rebounding lists. The six-foot-one forward attended Dawson College in Montreal and played Blues basketball just like her brother Desmond. She currently plays pro basketball in Lithuania.

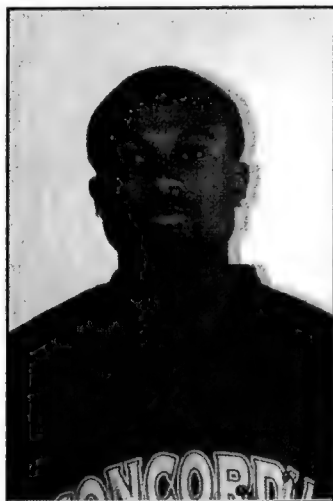
- Desmond has done some work around the Concordia athletic complex. He's worked on the event staff at football games and takes the lead on promoting basketball games on campus.

Comments from head coach John Dore:

Desmond is a big, physical player. A big, strong guy inside. We use him to rebound and defend. He is a tough defensive player. He is developing well as an offensive post.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - DECEE KRAH


Name:

Decee Krah

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Hamilton

Height:

5'11"

Weight:

170

Position:

Guard

Number:

4

Year of Eligibility:

2

Faculty and Program:

Marketing 2

Statistics: (current regular season only):
QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
16	47	107	43.9	31	69	44.9	31	44	70.5	156	9.8
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
5	28	33	2.1	31	16	28	3	18.5			

- 1st in the QSSF in 3-point field goal percentage – 44.9
- 4th in the QSSF for steals – 31
- 5th in QSSF for 3-point field goals made – 31

• This season, Decee really started to make a name for himself in the QSSF. He was in the top 5 in three statistical categories. He proved to be an excellent three-point shooter. He led the conference in three-point field goal percentage with 44.9.

• Decee is the fastest player on the team. He runs a 4.93 40-yard dash. He also had great results in the Leger-Boucher endurance test. At a score of 13, he was just a step behind the Buckley brothers and Sébastien Martin – all three scored 13.5.

• In 2008, Krah was named the Concordia men's basketball team's outstanding rookie. The five-foot-11 guard from Hamilton picked up 5.8 points and 2.1 rebounds a game.

• Decee was an honor roll student at Cathedral High School in Hamilton. He was also captain of the 2006-'07 basketball team.

• At Concordia, Decee works hard at a variety of jobs. He has helped out in the snack bar and done some deejaying at varsity games. He also helps with promotions for the team.

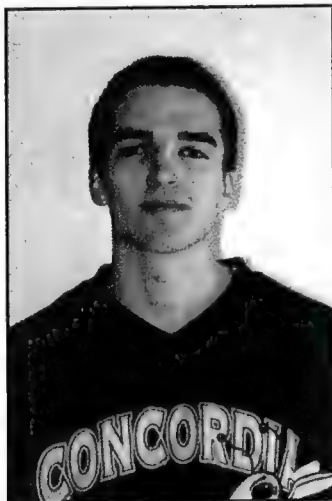
Comments from head coach John Dore:

Decee has improved his defensive quickness and his ability to shoot the 3.

He often gives the team a lift when coming off the bench.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STINGERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL - JAMES CLARK



Name:

James Clark

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Toronto

Height:

6'6"

Weight:

220

Position:

Forward

Number:

5

Year of Eligibility:

2

Faculty and Program:

Sociology 2

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
16	27	69	39.1	0	3	0	10	20	50.0	64	4.0
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
13	12	25	1.6	5	5	24	7	11.8			

• This season, James is making an impression with his blocking. He managed seven blocks despite averaging just 11.8 minutes a game. He ranks seventh in the QSSF conference.

• In 2008, James was named to the Quebec league all-rookie team. The six-foot-six forward from Toronto picked up 6.4 points and 3.1 rebounds a game.

• James comes out of the highly respected Eastern Commerce High School basketball program in East Toronto where the Saints won four straight OFSAA titles from 2002-'05. They failed to advance to 2006 provincial tourney, but brought home a silver medal in 2007 – all under the guidance of coach Roy Rana.

• Concordia is a two-campus university, and to help students get back and forth it runs a shuttle bus system. The buses are all wrapped with designs that promote the university. James volunteered to model for a professional photographer and can now be seen all over downtown Montreal on the side of a Concordia shuttle bus.

Comments from head coach John Dore:

James is very talented offensively.

For us to be successful, we need him to rebound and be a force on the boards.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STINGERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL - ADAM CARNEOL



Name:

Adam Carneol

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Los Angeles, Calif.

Height:

6'3"

Weight:

188

Position:

Shooting Guard

Number:

15

Year of Eligibility:

1

Faculty and Program:

Urban Planning 1

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
12	9	46	19.6	6	30	20.0	2	2	100	26	2.2
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
8	8	16	1.3	4	4	8	1	9.7			

• In 2009, Adam was named to the Quebec league all-rookie team. The six-foot-three forward from Los Angeles averaged 2.2 points and 9.7 minutes of playing time a game.

• Adam is one of the youngest players to ever suit up for the Stingers. He was 17 when he arrived at Concordia at the end of the summer. He was thrown into action quickly. He suited up for the Stingers' preseason game with the University of Virginia on Aug. 30. He had 18 minutes of playing time and nine points. The Cavaliers won 85-70. Adam turned 18 in October.

• Adam missed two months of the season with an injury.

• How does a young basketball player who lived in Los Angeles all his life end up playing basketball in Montreal? Adam's mother Terry Carneol is originally from Montreal. He has family here, including his maternal grandmother. "I was considering Montreal schools, and John Dore convinced me to come to Concordia," Adam explained.

• There's a funny story surrounding Adam and coach's first meeting. They were in Brentwood, Calif., sitting at a table outside Barney's Burgers (I'm not making this up!). They sat talking (and eating French fries and drinking milkshakes) when a strange man approached them. He walked up to coach and said, "Are you John Dore?" With a laugh Adam says, "There was a superstar right in front of me. I knew right then I had to go to Concordia." Turns out the man lived in upstate New York and followed the Stingers on the Montreal television networks.

Comments from head coach John Dore:

Adam has a very high basketball IQ. He is very fundamentally sound. He is an excellent shooter.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STINGERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL - EVENS LAROCHE



Name:

Evens Laroche

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Montreal

Height:

6'4"

Weight:

190

Position:

Forward

Number:

23

Year of Eligibility:

1

Faculty and Program:

Arts 1

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
12	58	98	59.2	2	6	33.3	24	36	66.7	142	11.8
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
18	49	67	5.6	17	11	26	3	22.3			

- 1st in the QSSF in field goal percentage – 59.2.
- 7th in the QSSF in rebounding average – 5.6

• Evens had a solid rookie campaign. He was third on the team in scoring with 11.8 points a game. He was also second in rebounding at 5.6 a game. Since he turned 22 in December he cannot be considered for rookie awards.

• Evens threw quite the coming out party in the Quebec championship on March 5. He had 28 points and six rebounds in the 79-76 come-from-behind victory. Twenty-two of his points came in the second half and were key to erasing the 10-point lead UQAM had at halftime.

• The Montreal native comes out of the Dawson College program where he won a CCAA title in 2007. He was named to the all-star team at the college nationals. He was also named the MVP in the final game. He was also a second team all-star in the Quebec League.

• Evens younger brother Hernst, a point guard, is in his first year with the New Mexico State men's basketball team.

Comments from head coach John Dore:

Evens is a tremendous athlete. He is a fierce competitor.

He can do a little bit of everything. He can put it on the floor, rebound and run.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STINGERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL - HAMZA RUHEZAMIHIGO



Name:

Hamza Ruhezamihigo

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Bujumbura, Burundi

Height:

6'3"

Weight:

182

Position:

Guard

Number:

11

Year of Eligibility:

4

Faculty and Program:

Arts 1

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
10	22	57	38.6	13	41	31.7	1	2	50.0	58	5.8
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
4	17	21	2.1	11	12	13	0	14.4			

- Hamza missed the end of the regular season and the QSSF semifinal. He went to his native Rwanda to compete in the 2009 Zone V African Basketball Championship qualifiers. He was captain of the Rwanda national team. The event ran from Feb. 23 to March 1 at Amahoro Indoor stadium in Kigali, Rwanda. In addition to the host team, the event featured competitors from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt and Burundi.
- Rwanda qualified for this year's Afro-basket event in Libya in August. Hamza will return to Rwanda to begin preparations in the summer. The Afro-basket competition is the most respected basketball event in Africa.
- Hamza also competed in the qualifying event in 2007 when he was a crowd favourite. He was named MVP of the competition.
- Although Hamza is a rookie with the Stingers, he is in his fourth year of CIS eligibility. He played high school in Alberta and then played basketball at Dawson College in the Quebec CEGEP system for three seasons.

Comments from head coach John Dore:

Hamza is a really good athlete. He is highly skilled. He's a very good three-point shooter.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STINGERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL - KAFIL EYITAYO



Name:

Kafil Eyitayo

University:

Concordia University

Hometown:

Cotonou, Benin

Height:

6'5"

Weight:

184

Position:

Centre

Number:

21

Year of Eligibility:

1

Faculty and Program:

Civil Engineering 1

Statistics: (current regular season only):

QSSF Conference:

GP	FGM	FGA	%	3M	3A	%	FT	FTA	%	Total	PPG
9	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
O	D	TRB	RPG	S	A	TO	Blk	Min.			
1	1	2	0.2	0	1	2	1	0.9			

Brief Sketch:

- Kafil had no experience with organized basketball before arriving at Concordia. Coach John Dore saw a lot of potential in him and agreed to keep him with the team and to work on developing his raw talent.

- He is one of the youngest students to ever take part in Concordia basketball. He turned 18 in December 2008.

- Kafil arrived in Canada in December 2007. He had never seen snow before. He says it was "a harsh welcome." Despite the snow, he says he finds Montreal to be a quite welcoming city. He has a brother in Montreal but he misses the rest of his family back home.

- Kafil is from the Republic of Benin, a country in Western Africa. It borders Togo to the west, Nigeria to the east and Burkina Faso and Niger to the north. Its size is just over 110,000 km² with a population of almost 8,500,000. Its capital is the Yoruba founded city of Porto Novo, but the seat of government is the city of Cotonou. It is a French-speaking nation. The economy of Benin remains underdeveloped and dependent on subsistence agriculture, cotton production, and regional trade.

- Kafil is studying civil engineering. After he graduates and gets some experience in his field, he'd like to return home to "make a contribution to my country."

Comments from head coach John Dore:

He just started playing serious basketball this summer. This is the first team he's ever been on. He has great potential. I expect great things out of him in the future.

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FUN FACTS (by the Concordia Stingers)

Top bench press:	Levi Vann – 12 reps at 225 lbs.
Top 12-minute run:	Damian Buckley, Dwayne Buckley
Top Leger-Boucher score (for endurance):	13.5 – Damian Buckley, Dwayne Buckley, Sebastien Martin
40-yard run:	4.93 – Decee Krah
Most pull-ups:	29 – Levi Vann
Top vertical leap:	32 inches – Damian Buckley
Best 3-point shooters:	Levi Vann, Adam Carneol, Decee Krah
Best from the three throw line:	Damian Buckley
Cooldest under fire:	Damian Buckley
Psych song in locker room:	What's Up, What's Happening – T.I.
Best part of being a Stinger:	Team camaraderie, team spirit
Worst part of being a Stinger:	Coach Dore's dreaded 12-minute run, especially if you don't make it.
Toughest opponents in 2008-'09:	1. Brigham Young, 2. Rhode Island, 3. UQAM ("The final game, that was a war.")
Most respected player:	Christian Upshaw (St. FX) with consideration to McGill's Sean Anthony.
Best video game system:	Xbox
Favorite TV shows:	Family Guy, Dexter
Favorite Web sites:	Facebook, NBA.com, stingers.ca, universitiesport.ca, hotmail.com

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STINGERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL - FACT SHEET

2008-'09 Ranking: No. 7 in CIS rankings & seeded No. 7 at Final 8

2008-'09 Record: **21-9 overall**

Conference Record 12-4 (first place)

Conference Playoffs: 2-0

Non-Conference CIS Record: 5-0

Overall CIS: 19-4

U.S. College: 1-5

vs. CIS Top 10: 1-0

Other: 1-0

Tournament Titles: 2 of 2 – Concordia-Nike and Wilfrid Laurier

2008-'09 results versus teams at Nationals:

Record 1-0

Oct. 11 Concordia 102, St. Francis Xavier 101 OT

1976- Present

Concordia CIAU/CIS results at Nationals:

1976 1-2 6th place

1980 1-2 6th place

1981 2-1 bronze medal Concordia 82, St. FX 65

1982 1-2 4th place

1987 0-2

1989 1-2 6th place

1990 3-0 gold medal Concordia 80, Guelph 62

1991 0-2

1992 0-2

1993 1-1 lost semifinal McMaster 84, Concordia 83

1994 1-2 6th place

1995 2-1 silver medal Alberta 84, Concordia 66

1996 1-2 6th place

2000 0-2

2005 2-1 silver medal Carleton 68, Concordia 48

2007 2-1 won consolation Concordia 95, UBC 92

16 appearances

18-25 record

1 national championship

* Loyola College and Sir George Williams University merged in 1975, forming Concordia University.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL - 2008-'09 RESULTS

DATE	EVENT	RESULTS
Aug. 30	vs. University of Virginia	Loss 85-70
Oct. 10	Nike Basketball Tournament vs. Lethbridge	Win 81-75
Oct. 11	Nike Basketball Tournament vs. St. FX	Win 102-101 OT
Oct. 23	@ St. Lawrence College	Win 102-67
Oct. 24	@ Wilfrid Laurier Tournament vs. Laurentian	Win 87-70
Oct. 25	@ Wilfrid Laurier Tournament vs. Laurier	Win 86-77
Nov. 2	@ University of Vermont	Loss 77-69
Nov. 3	@ Rhode Island	Loss 123-84
Nov. 6	@ Brigham Young University	Loss 96-54
Nov. 8	@ Utah State	Loss 74-60
Nov. 14	vs. UQAM	Win 89-80
Nov. 15	@ UQAM	Loss 75-60
Nov. 21	vs. Laval	Win 100-80
Nov. 22	@ Laval	Loss 68-64
Nov. 28	vs. Bishop's	Win 102-61
Nov. 29	@ Bishop's	Win 59-51
Dec. 27	@ Surf & Slam vs. Wilfrid Laurier	Win 80-62
Dec. 29	@ Surf & Slam vs. Point Loma Nazarene	Win 86-84
Jan. 16	vs. McGill	Loss 93-82
Jan. 17	@ McGill	Win 82-69
Jan. 23	vs. UQAM	Win 76-59
Jan. 24	@ UQAM	Loss 68-61
Feb. 6	@ Laval	Win 77-58
Feb. 7	vs. Laval	Win 75-66
Feb. 13	vs. Bishop's	Win 91-77
Feb. 14	@ Bishop's	Win 75-66
Feb. 20	@ McGill late change to schedule	Win 94-89 OT
Feb. 21	vs. McGill	Win 83-73
Feb. 27	QSSF semifinal vs. McGill	Win 80-63
Mar. 5	QSSF championship vs. UQAM	Win 79-76

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Season Schedule/Results & Leaders

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Concordia Season Schedule/Results & Leaders
(Through games of Feb 22, 2009) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(12-4)	(7-1)	(5-3)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE	(12-4)	(7-1)	(5-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)

Date	Time	Opponent	Score	Attend	High Points	High Rebounds
14 nov. 08	1800	* UQAM	W <u>89-80</u>	10000	(31)Damian Buckley	(7)Damian Buckley
15 nov. 08	1900	* at UQAM	L <u>60-75</u>		(19)Damian Buckley	(7)Jamal Gallier
21 nov. 08	1800	* LAVAL	W <u>100-80</u>		(31)Dwayne Buckley	(8)Sebastien Martin
22 nov. 08	20h00	* at Laval	L <u>64-68</u>		(19)Dwayne Buckley	(11)Jamal Gallier
28 nov. 08	1800	* BISHOP'S	W <u>102-61</u>		(19)Hamza Ruhezamihigo	(8)Jamal Gallier (8)Sebastien Martin
29 nov. 08	18:00	* at Bishop's	W <u>59-51</u>	810	(25)Damian Buckley	(7)Dwayne Buckley
16 janv. 09	1800	* MCGILL	L <u>82-93</u>		(18)Damian Buckley	(7)Evens Laroche (7)Jamal Gallier (7)Dwayne Buckley
17 janv. 09	20h00	* at McGill	W <u>82-69</u>		(19)Jamal Gallier	(17)Jamal Gallier
23 janv. 09	1800	* UQAM	W <u>76-59</u>		(23)Damian Buckley	(7)Damian Buckley (7)Dwayne Buckley
24 janv. 09	1900	* at UQAM	L <u>61-68</u>		(22)Damian Buckley	(7)Jamal Gallier (7)Evens Laroche
6 fev. 09	20h00	* at Laval	W <u>77-58</u>		(17)Evens Laroche	(7)Jamal Gallier
7 fev. 09	1600	* LAVAL	W <u>75-66</u>		(19)Damian Buckley	(8)Evens Laroche
13 fev. 09	1800	* BISHOP'S	W <u>91-77</u>		(23)Damian Buckley	(10)Jamal Gallier
14 fev. 09	20:00	* at Bishop's	W <u>75-66</u>	1203	(18)Dwayne Buckley	(7)Damian Buckley
20 fev. 09	20h00	* at McGill	WOT <u>94-89</u>		(32)Damian Buckley	(10)Evens Laroche
21 fev. 09	1600	* MCGILL	W <u>83-73</u>		(19)Evens Laroche	(11)Jamal Gallier

Schedule legend:

* Indicates conference game

ATTENDANCE	Games	Total	Avg/ game
HOME	8	10000	1250
AWAY	8	2013	252
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	12013	751

Overall Team Statistics

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Concordia Overall Team Statistics
(Through games of Feb 22, 2009) All games

TEAM STATISTICS	CONC	OPP
SCORING	1270	1133
Points per game	79.4	70.8
Scoring margin	+8.6	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	451-1041	400-982
Field goal pct	.433	.407
3 POINT FG-ATT	110-327	110-353

3-point FG pct	.336	.312
3-pt FG made per game	6.9	6.9
FREE THROWS-ATT	258-401	223-325
Free throw pct	.643	.686
REBOUNDS	535	555
Rebounds per game	33.4	34.7
Rebounding margin	-1.2	-
ASSISTS	201	197
Assists per game	12.6	12.3
TURNOVERS	253	306
Turnovers per game	15.8	19.1
Turnover margin	+3.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	0.6
STEALS	177	116
Steals per game	11.1	7.3
BLOCKS	48	25
Blocks per game	3.0	1.6
WINNING STREAK	6	-
Home win streak	4	-
ATTENDANCE	10000	2013
Home games-Avg/Game	8-1250	8-252
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by periods	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Concordia	280	299	324	349	18	1270
Opponents	281	246	304	289	13	1133

Season Box Score

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Concordia Season Box Score
(Through games of Feb 22, 2009) All games

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		SCORING TOTAL								3-PTS			F-THROWS			REBOUNDS						MINUTES							
##	Player	GP	GS	Pts	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Tot	Avg			
08	Damian Buckley	16	8	309	19.3	101	205	.493	24	58	.414	83	104	.798	15	70	85	5.3	29	1	81	47	3	56	550	34.4			
10	Dwayne Buckley	16	8	199	12.4	67	180	.372	18	59	.305	47	76	.618	16	64	80	5.0	37	0	40	38	9	23	543	33.9			
23	Evens Laroche	12	1	142	11.8	58	98	.592	2	6	.333	24	36	.667	18	49	67	5.6	39	3	11	26	3	17	268	22.3			
04	Decee Krah	16	2	156	9.8	47	107	.439	31	69	.449	31	44	.705	5	28	33	2.1	39	0	16	28	3	31	296	18.5			
12	Jamal Gallier	16	8	143	8.9	62	123	.504	0	1	.000	19	40	.475	36	83	119	7.4	41	1	12	27	16	10	405	25.3			
11	Hamza Ruhezamihigo	10	1	58	5.8	22	57	.386	13	41	.317	1	2	.500	4	17	21	2.1	10	0	12	13	0	11	144	14.4			
14	Sebastien Martin	16	6	84	5.3	31	54	.574	1	6	.167	21	41	.512	26	22	48	3.0	38	2	5	8	4	5	258	16.1			
07	Pierre Thompson	16	3	71	4.4	22	73	.301	12	38	.316	15	23	.652	9	8	17	1.1	27	0	13	24	0	11	259	16.2			
05	James Clark	16	1	64	4.0	27	69	.391	0	3	.000	10	20	.500	13	12	25	1.6	27	1	5	24	7	5	188	11.8			
15	Adam Carneol	12	0	26	2.2	9	46	.196	6	30	.200	2	2	1.000	8	8	16	1.3	8	0	4	8	1	4	116	9.7			
09	Levi Vann	5	2	9	1.8	3	14	.214	3	14	.214	0	0	.000	1	1	2	0.4	9	0	0	3	0	2	63	12.6			
13	Desmond Murphy	14	0	9	0.6	2	7	.286	0	0	.000	5	13	.385	2	8	10	0.7	18	0	1	2	1	2	65	4.6			
22	Brent Clancy	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1.0			
21	Kafil Eytayo	9	0	0	0.0	0	8	.000	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	1	1	2	0.2	2	0	1	2	1	0	8	0.9			
Total.....		16		1270	79.4	451	1041	.433	110	327	.336	258	401	.643	155	380	535	33.4	324	8	201	253	48	177	3165				
Opponents.....		16		1133	70.8	400	982	.407	110	353	.312	223	325	.686	163	392	555	34.7	336	-	197	306	25	116	3147				

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Category Leaders

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SCORING

	G	Pts	Pts/G
Damian Buckley	16	309	19.3
Dwayne Buckley	16	199	12.4
Decee Krah	16	156	9.8
Jamal Gallier	16	143	8.9
Evens Laroche	12	142	11.8
Sebastien Martin	16	84	5.3
Pierre Thompson	16	71	4.4
James Clark	16	64	4.0
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	10	58	5.8
Adam Carneol	12	26	2.2
Desmond Murphy	14	9	0.6
Levi Vann	5	9	1.8

SCORING AVERAGE

G	Pts	Avg/G
Damian Buckley	16	309 19.3
Dwayne Buckley	16	199 12.4
Evens Laroche	12	142 11.8
Decee Krah	16	156 9.8
Jamal Gallier	16	143 8.9
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	10	58 5.8
Sebastien Martin	16	84 5.3
Pierre Thompson	16	71 4.4
James Clark	16	64 4.0
Adam Carneol	12	26 2.2
Levi Vann	5	9 1.8
Desmond Murphy	14	9 0.6

FIELD GOAL PERCENT

Made	Att	FG Pct
Evens Laroche	58	98 .592
Sebastien Martin	31	54 .574
Jamal Gallier	62	123 .504
Damian Buckley	101	205 .493
Decee Krah	47	107 .439
James Clark	27	69 .391
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	22	57 .386
Dwayne Buckley	67	180 .372
Pierre Thompson	22	73 .301
Desmond Murphy	2	7 .286
Levi Vann	3	14 .214
Adam Carneol	9	46 .196

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

G	Att	Att/G
Damian Buckley	16	205 12.8
Dwayne Buckley	16	180 11.3
Jamal Gallier	16	123 7.7
Decee Krah	16	107 6.7
Evens Laroche	12	98 8.2

FIELD GOALS MADE

G	Made	Made/G
Damian Buckley	16	101 6.3
Dwayne Buckley	16	67 4.2
Jamal Gallier	16	62 3.9
Evens Laroche	12	58 4.8
Decee Krah	16	47 2.9

3-POINT FG PERCENT

Made	Att	3FG Pct
Decee Krah	31	69 .449
Damian Buckley	24	58 .414
Evens Laroche	2	6 .333
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	13	41 .317
Pierre Thompson	12	38 .316
Dwayne Buckley	18	59 .305
Levi Vann	3	14 .214
Adam Carneol	6	30 .200
Sebastien Martin	1	6 .167
Kafil Eytayo	0	2 .000
James Clark	0	3 .000
Jamal Gallier	0	1 .000

3-POINT FG ATTEMPTS

G	Att	Att/G
Decee Krah	16	69 4.3
Dwayne Buckley	16	59 3.7
Damian Buckley	16	58 3.6
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	10	41 4.1
Pierre Thompson	16	38 2.4

3-POINT FGS MADE

G	Made	Made/G
Decee Krah	16	31 1.9
Damian Buckley	16	24 1.5
Dwayne Buckley	16	18 1.1
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	10	13 1.3
Pierre Thompson	16	12 0.8

FREE THROW PERCENT

Made	Att	FT Pct
Adam Carneol	2	2 1.000
Damian Buckley	83	104 .798

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

G	Att	Att/G
Damian Buckley	16	104 6.5
Dwayne Buckley	16	76 4.8

Decee Krah	31	44	.705
Evens Laroche	24	36	.667
Pierre Thompson	15	23	.652
Dwayne Buckley	47	76	.618
Sebastien Martin	21	41	.512
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	1	2	.500
James Clark	10	20	.500
Jamal Gallier	19	40	.475
Desmond Murphy	5	13	.385

Decee Krah	16	44	2.8
Sebastien Martin	16	41	2.6
Jamal Gallier	16	40	2.5

FREE THROWS MADE G Made Made/G

Damian Buckley	16	83	5.2
Dwayne Buckley	16	47	2.9
Decee Krah	16	31	1.9
Evens Laroche	12	24	2.0
Sebastien Martin	16	21	1.3

REBOUNDS G Reb Reb/G

Jamal Gallier	16	119	7.4
Damian Buckley	16	85	5.3
Dwayne Buckley	16	80	5.0
Evens Laroche	12	67	5.6
Sebastien Martin	16	48	3.0

REBOUND AVERAGE G Reb Avg/G

Jamal Gallier	16	119	7.4
Evens Laroche	12	67	5.6
Damian Buckley	16	85	5.3
Dwayne Buckley	16	80	5.0
Sebastien Martin	16	48	3.0

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS G No. Avg/G

Jamal Gallier	16	83	5.2
Damian Buckley	16	70	4.4
Dwayne Buckley	16	64	4.0
Evens Laroche	12	49	4.1
Decee Krah	16	28	1.8

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS G No. Avg/G

Jamal Gallier	16	36	2.3
Sebastien Martin	16	26	1.6
Evens Laroche	12	18	1.5
Dwayne Buckley	16	16	1.0
Damian Buckley	16	15	0.9

ASSISTS G Ast Ast/G

Damian Buckley	16	81	5.1
Dwayne Buckley	16	40	2.5
Decee Krah	16	16	1.0
Pierre Thompson	16	13	0.8
Jamal Gallier	16	12	0.8
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	10	12	1.2

STEALS G Stl Stl/G

Damian Buckley	16	56	3.5
Decee Krah	16	31	1.9
Dwayne Buckley	16	23	1.4
Evens Laroche	12	17	1.4
Hamza Ruhezamihigo	10	11	1.1
Pierre Thompson	16	11	0.7

BLOCKED SHOTS G Blk Blk/G

Jamal Gallier	16	16	1.0
Dwayne Buckley	16	9	0.6
James Clark	16	7	0.4
Sebastien Martin	16	4	0.3
Evens Laroche	12	3	0.3
Decee Krah	16	3	0.2
Damian Buckley	16	3	0.2

MINUTES PLAYED G Min Min/G

Damian Buckley	16	550	34.4
Dwayne Buckley	16	543	33.9
Jamal Gallier	16	405	25.3
Decee Krah	16	296	18.5
Evens Laroche	12	268	22.3

TURNOVERS G No. Avg/G

Damian Buckley	16	47	2.9
Dwayne Buckley	16	38	2.4
Decee Krah	16	28	1.8
Jamal Gallier	16	27	1.7
Evens Laroche	12	26	2.2

PERSONAL FOULS G No. Avg/G

Jamal Gallier	16	41	2.6
Evens Laroche	12	39	3.3
Decee Krah	16	39	2.4
Sebastien Martin	16	38	2.4
Dwayne Buckley	16	37	2.3

FOULOUTS G No.

Evens Laroche 12 3

Sebastien Martin 16 2

Damian Buckley 16 1

James Clark 16 1

Jamal Gallier 16 1

Game-by-Game Highs**Ligue de basketball univ. mas. du Quebec****Concordia Game-by-Game Highs**

(Through games of Feb 22, 2009) All games

Opponent	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
UQAM	31-Damian Buckle	7-Damian Buckle	5-Dwayne Buckle	4-Damian Buckle	1-James Clark
14 nov. 08					Sebastien Mar
W 89-80					Dwayne Buckle
					Jamal Gallier
at UQAM	19-Damian Buckle	7-Jamal Gallier	3-Damian Buckle	4-Dwayne Buckle	1-Jamal Gallier
15 nov. 08					Dwayne Buckle
L 60-75					
LAVAL	31-Dwayne Buckle	8-Sebastien Mar	11-Damian Buckle	4-Damian Buckle	1-Jamal Gallier
21 nov. 08					
W 100-80					
at Laval	19-Dwayne Buckle	11-Jamal Gallier	3-Decee Krah	5-Decee Krah	1-Jamal Gallier
22 nov. 08					James Clark
L 64-68					Adam Carneol
					Decee Krah
BISHOP'S	19-Hamza Ruhezam	8-Sebastien Mar	8-Damian Buckle	6-Decee Krah	1-Decee Krah
28 nov. 08		Jamal Gallier			Evens Laroche
W 102-61					Jamal Gallier
at Bishop's	25-Damian Buckle	7-Dwayne Buckle	1-James Clark	4-Damian Buckle	1-Dwayne Buckle
29 nov. 08			Hamza Ruhezam		Jamal Gallier
W 59-51					
MCGILL	18-Damian Buckle	7-Dwayne Buckle	9-Damian Buckle	4-Damian Buckle	2-Jamal Gallier
16 janv. 09		Jamal Gallier			
L 82-93		Evens Laroche			
at McGill	19-Jamal Gallier	17-Jamal Gallier	7-Dwayne Buckle	4-Jamal Gallier	None
17 janv. 09					
W 82-69					
UQAM	23-Damian Buckle	7-Dwayne Buckle	4-Damian Buckle	8-Damian Buckle	2-James Clark
23 janv. 09		Damian Buckle			Dwayne Buckle
W 76-59					Damian Buckle
at UQAM	22-Damian Buckle	7-Evens Laroche	4-Damian Buckle	3-Damian Buckle	1-James Clark
24 janv. 09		Jamal Gallier			
L 61-68					
Opponent	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
at Laval	17-Evens Laroche	7-Jamal Gallier	8-Damian Buckle	4-Evens Laroche	2-Sebastien Mar
6 fev. 09				Damian Buckle	
W 77-58					
LAVAL	19-Damian Buckle	8-Evens Laroche	4-Damian Buckle	3-Damian Buckle	1-James Clark
7 fev. 09					Sebastien Mar
W 75-66					

BISHOP'S 23-Damian Buckle 10-Jamal Gallier 11-Damian Buckle 4-Dwayne Buckle 4-Jamal Gallier

13 fev. 09

W 91-77

at Bishop's 18-Dwayne Buckle 7-Damian Buckle 1-Decee Krah 4-Damian Buckle 1-Evens Laroche

14 fev. 09

Pierre Thomps

W 75-66

at McGill 32-Damian Buckle 10-Evens Laroche 5-Damian Buckle 4-Decee Krah 3-Jamal Gallier

20 fev. 09

WO 94-89

MCGILL 19-Evens Laroche 11-Jamal Gallier 10-Damian Buckle 6-Damian Buckle None

21 fev. 09

W 83-73

Team Game-by-Game

Ligue de basketball univ. mas. du Quebec
Concordia Team Game-by-Game
(Through games of Feb 22, 2009) All games

Opponent	Date	Score	w/l	TOTAL		3-PTRS		REBOUNDS							POINTS						
				fgm-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ftm-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	ast	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
UQAM	14 nov. 08	89-80	W	35-64	.547	4-12	.333	15-21	.714	10	22	32	32.0	23	7	17	4	8	89	89.0	
at UQAM	15 nov. 08	60-75	L	21-59	.356	3-20	.150	15-26	.577	9	15	24	28.0	20	7	24	2	14	60	74.5	
LAVAL	21 nov. 08	100-80	W	34-66	.515	13-23	.565	19-26	.731	8	18	26	27.3	19	16	11	1	7	100	83.0	
at Laval	22 nov. 08	64-68	L	25-60	.417	7-15	.467	7-12	.583	6	26	32	28.5	20	5	15	4	12	64	78.2	
BISHOP'S	28 nov. 08	102-61	W	38-73	.521	13-32	.406	13-23	.565	16	26	42	31.2	15	27	17	3	20	102	83.0	
at Bishop's	29 nov. 08	59-51	W	18-50	.360	5-19	.263	18-26	.692	8	33	41	32.8	20	2	17	2	12	59	79.0	
MCGILL	16 janv. 09	82-93	L	30-75	.400	11-35	.314	11-18	.611	12	21	33	32.9	19	14	15	2	8	82	79.4	
at McGill	17 janv. 09	82-69	W	30-79	.380	6-24	.250	16-25	.640	18	24	42	34.0	28	14	16	0	14	82	79.8	
UQAM	23 janv. 09	76-59	W	26-64	.406	4-12	.333	20-31	.645	8	24	32	33.8	21	10	14	7	12	76	79.3	
at UQAM	24 janv. 09	61-68	L	22-62	.355	4-17	.235	13-18	.722	9	15	24	32.8	20	9	21	1	8	61	77.5	
at Laval	6 fev. 09	77-58	W	27-66	.409	10-27	.370	13-22	.591	8	25	33	32.8	17	18	13	5	17	77	77.5	
LAVAL	7 fev. 09	75-66	W	24-61	.393	9-23	.391	18-23	.783	6	27	33	32.8	12	15	14	2	7	75	77.2	
BISHOP'S	13 fev. 09	91-77	W	31-60	.517	3-11	.273	26-38	.684	9	30	39	33.3	26	23	12	6	7	91	78.3	
at Bishop's	14 fev. 09	75-66	W	25-61	.410	3-13	.231	22-39	.564	10	21	31	33.1	22	2	12	1	10	75	78.1	
at McGill	20 fev. 09	94-89	Wot	35-80	.438	7-23	.304	17-27	.630	12	25	37	33.4	24	15	17	8	10	94	79.1	
MCGILL	21 fev. 09	83-73	W	30-61	.492	8-21	.381	15-26	.577	6	28	34	33.4	18	17	18	0	11	83	79.4	

Concordia	1270	451-1041	.433	110-327	.336	258-401	.643	155	380	535	33.4	324	201	253	48	177	1270	79.4
Opponents	1133	400-982	.407	110-353	.312	223-325	.686	163	392	555	34.7	336	197	306	25	116	1133	70.8

Games played: 16 Rebounds/game: 33.4

Points/game: 79.4 Assists/game: 12.6

FG Pct: 43.3 Turnovers/game: 15.8

3FG Pct: 33.6 Assist/turnover ratio: 0.8

FT Pct: 64.3 Steals/game: 11.1

Blocks/game: 3.0

Opponent Game-by-Game

Ligue de basketball univ. mas. du Quebec
Concordia Opponent Game-by-Game
(Through games of Feb 22, 2009) All games

			TOTAL		3-PTRS		REBOUNDS											POINTS		
Opponent	Date	Score	w/l	fgm-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ftm-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	ast	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
UQAM	14 nov. 08	89-80	W	27-67	.403	8-23	.348	18-28	.643	13	16	29	29.0	19	12	19	0	5	80	80.0
at UQAM	15 nov. 08	60-75	L	32-58	.552	4-11	.364	7-13	.538	7	30	37	33.0	21	25	32	2	15	75	77.5
LAVAL	21 nov. 08	100-80	W	27-58	.466	11-25	.440	15-17	.882	8	22	30	32.0	19	15	16	2	6	80	78.3

at Laval	22 nov. 08	64-68	L	22-57	.386	9-28	.321	15-23	.652	8	27	35	32.8	23	15	17	1	6	68	75.8
BISHOP'S	28 nov. 08	102-61	W	24-54	.444	8-24	.333	5-12	.417	6	18	24	31.0	22	17	26	0	7	61	72.8
at Bishop's	29 nov. 08	59-51	W	17-59	.288	7-31	.226	10-13	.769	8	28	36	31.8	20	7	20	4	8	51	69.2
MCGILL	16 janv. 09	82-93	L	36-71	.507	8-23	.348	13-22	.591	14	27	41	33.1	18	16	15	4	3	93	72.6
at McGill	17 janv. 09	82-69	W	21-61	.344	5-25	.200	22-29	.759	13	27	40	34.0	24	10	25	2	8	69	72.1
UQAM	23 janv. 09	76-59	W	21-58	.362	2-11	.182	15-22	.682	13	26	39	34.6	24	8	18	1	8	59	70.7
at UQAM	24 janv. 09	61-68	L	27-60	.450	4-13	.308	10-16	.625	16	23	39	35.0	20	15	26	1	10	68	70.4
at Laval	6 fev. 09	77-58	W	19-56	.339	7-21	.333	13-19	.684	9	24	33	34.8	21	9	21	1	3	58	69.3
LAVAL	7 fev. 09	75-66	W	26-62	.419	7-23	.304	7-8	.875	4	25	29	34.3	17	11	12	0	6	66	69.0
BISHOP'S	13 fev. 09	91-77	W	26-75	.347	5-23	.217	20-27	.741	13	21	34	34.3	24	12	8	2	7	77	69.6
at Bishop's	14 fev. 09	75-66	W	22-57	.386	6-22	.273	16-24	.667	10	25	35	34.4	27	4	16	2	6	66	69.4
at McGill	20 fev. 09	94-89	Wot	29-70	.414	11-26	.423	20-31	.645	14	32	46	35.1	20	11	21	0	8	89	70.7
MCGILL	21 fev. 09	83-73	W	24-59	.407	8-24	.333	17-21	.810	7	21	28	34.7	17	10	14	3	10	73	70.8

Opponents	1133	400-982	.407	110-353	.312	223-325	.686	163	392	555	34.7	336	197	306	25	116	1133	70.8
Concordia	1270	451-1041	.433	110-327	.336	258-401	.643	155	380	535	33.4	324	201	253	48	177	1270	79.4

Games played: 16 Rebounds/game: 34.7

Points/game: 70.8 Assists/game: 12.3

FG Pct: 40.7 Turnovers/game: 19.1

3FG Pct: 31.2 Assist/turnover ratio: 0.6

FT Pct: 68.6 Steals/game: 7.3

Blocks/game: 1.6

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
 UQAM Citadins vs Concordia University
 05\03\09 1900 at Concordia Gym

ISITORS: UQAM Citadins

##	Player Name	TOT-FG		3-PT	REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT									
07	Vincent Towner.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Arthaud Plesius.....	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	1	2			5	2	5	2	0	0	32
0	Souleymane Diagne.....	10-17	1-3	9-12	2	1	3			0	30	1	6	0	4	38
1	Abdoukarim Gueye.....	3-8	0-3	2-3	0	1	1			3	8	2	0	0	2	19
13	Gregory Saint-Amand.....	6-10	0-0	1-2	1	5	6			4	13	2	1	1	2	31
5	Eric Cote-Kougnima...	3-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	1			2	6	1	2	1	0	20
2	Adil El Makssoud.....	7-11	2-3	1-1	0	5	5			3	17	3	2	0	1	35
5	Neil Ze Mbo.....	0-2	0-2	0-0	2	0	2			5	0	0	1	0	0	25
TEAM.....																
Totals.....		30-56	3-13	13-18	7	14	21			22	76	14	14	2	9	200
TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 19-34 55.9%		2nd Half: 11-22 50.0%		Game: 53.6%		DEADB										
-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-7 28.6%		2nd Half: 1-6 16.7%		Game: 23.1%		REBS										
F Throw % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7%		2nd Half: 7-11 63.6%		Game: 72.2%		10										

OME TEAM: Concordia University

##	Player Name	TOT-FG		3-PT	REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT									
4	Decee Krah.....	2-7	1-3	0-0	1	0	1			4	5	0	0	0	0	21
5	James Clark.....	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	3			1	5	0	1	1	0	10
7	Pierre Thompson.....	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1			2	2	1	0	0	1	15
08	Damian Buckley.....	9-17	0-2	3-6	0	3	3			2	21	11	6	0	3	39
10	Dwayne Buckley.....	3-11	1-7	1-2	1	3	4			4	8	0	4	1	1	39
2	Jamal Gallier.....	3-7	0-0	0-0	1	3	4			3	6	0	1	1	1	29
3	Desmond Murphy.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	0+
14	Sebastian Martin.....	0-1	0-0	1-2	2	0	2			0	1	0	0	0	0	15
15	Adam Carneol.....	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0			0	3	1	0	0	0	7
3	Evens Laroche.....	11-12	0-0	6-6	6	0	6			2	28	1	0	0	2	24
TEAM.....																
Totals.....		32-62	3-14	12-18	12	12	24			18	79	14	13	3	8	199
TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-33 45.5%		2nd Half: 17-29 58.6%		Game: 51.6%		DEADB										
-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0%		2nd Half: 0-4 0.0%		Game: 21.4%		REBS										
Throw % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0%		2nd Half: 9-14 64.3%		Game: 66.7%		10										

Officials:

Technical fouls: UQAM Citadins-None. Concordia University-None.

Attendance:

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
UQAM Citadins.....	27	19	16	14	- 76
Concordia University.....	18	18	27	16	- 79

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STINGERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL - QSSF 2008-'09 ALL-STARS

1st Team

Damian Buckley	Concordia Stingers
Jean-François Beaulieu-Maheux	Laval Rouge et Or de Laval
Adil El Makssoud	UQAM Citadins
Junior Nicolas	Bishop's Gaiters
Sean Anthony	McGill Redmen

2nd Team

Jules Souleymane Diagne	UQAM Citadins
Xavier Baribeau	Laval Rouge et Or
Jamal Gallier	Concordia Stingers
Moustafa El-Zanaty	McGill Redmen
Michael White	McGill Redmen

QSSF MVP

Damian Buckley	Concordia Stingers
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QSSF Defensive Player of the Year

Jamal Gallier	Concordia Stingers
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QSSF Rookie of the Year

Gregory Saint-Amand	UQAM Citadins
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Quebec nominee for Ken Shields Award

Jérôme Turcotte-Routhier	Laval Rouge et Or
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QSSF Coach of the Year

John Dore	Concordia Stingers
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QSSF Official of the Year

Mike Homsy	
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STINGERS' CAGER wants to take lessons he's learned and pass them on to underprivileged youngsters

Gallier gains new outlook on life

RANDY PHILLIPS THE GAZETTE

Jamal Gallier keeps the darkest days of growing up in a low-income and at times violent Toronto suburb to himself.

The memories will always be there, of course, as evidenced by how his voice falters and his eyes well up when asked to talk about some of the more difficult times. But far more significant is the fifth-year veteran with the Concordia University men's basketball team is what's happened in his life since and how much he will fondly look back on after he's worn the Stingers uniform for the last time.

"Coming to Concordia changed my life," said Gallier, a 23-year-old native of Scarborough. When I look back, I realize everything I've done and have been able to experience, I've been privileged.

"It's funny, though," Gallier added. "I never thought going to university was a possibility for me when I was in high school. Now, I've been here five years and, talking to some of the other fifth-year guys here (Levi Vanhond and Dwayne Buckley) about it recently, we all find it amazing how fast it's gone by. Too fast."

After the 6-foot-7, 270-pound centre finishes his final season of

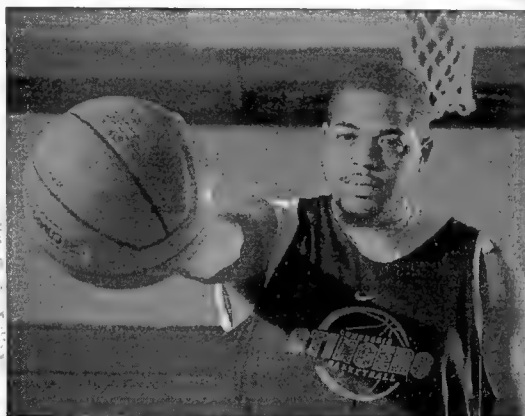
athletic eligibility and the current academic semester, Gallier will be a couple credits shy of completing a degree in sociology. He hasn't made any hard decisions about the future, but is leaning toward police work.

"I've given it some real good thought," Gallier said. "It seems to be a pretty good thing to get into. I want to be in a position to help people. Bring something positive to the community they live in."

Gallier, part of an extended family after his parents split, which he said was difficult and "had to learn to deal with and live with," wants to be a force for youth, guiding them away from the pitfalls and dead-end scenarios that were part of daily life when he was growing up.

He considers himself having been fortunate, because his parents made sure he was kept busy as a youngster with activities like piano lessons, baseball and swimming, but it wasn't the case for everyone in his hometown.

"The area I grew up in was low-income," Gallier said of the burgeoning suburb east of downtown Toronto, which, according to recent figures, more than 50 per cent of residents are foreign born and with Chinese and south Asians making up more



VINCENZO D'ALTO THE GAZETTE

"I'll always remember my teammates," Stingers' Jamal Gallier says.

than 35 per cent of the population and with another 10 per cent black. "Many (people) came from the (West Indies) and like my parents, many had never attended high school."

"The part of Scarborough I'm from had the highest crime rate in Toronto one year. Really bad. Managed to stay clear of that stuff. I was lucky," he said. "But when I was growing up,

there really weren't enough people there to help kids coming up."

"A lot of kids are really gifted and talented, but what they don't really get is that without education they won't get far," Gallier continued. "I think someone like me, who has gone through what they are going through, but who went to university, can use that experience to help. Or at least get someone to help them."

Gallier, whose younger sister attends Sheridan College in Toronto, ended up at Concordia somewhat by chance after former Stingers player Sean Collinson told head coach John Dore that Bryan Daley, a former Concordia football player and currently defensive-line coach with the Stingers, had a brother who "was a big man" and about to finish up at Lester B. Pearson High School.

"Sean remembered me because I came here to visit my brother on March break when I was about 16, I guess," Gallier said. "I played an intramural basketball game with Sean and after that coach Dore contacted my brother and then called me when I was back home."

"I didn't start playing basketball until late in high school," Gallier said. "That's when I had my growth spurt and decided to give it a try."

"When coach Dore said he was interested in me, that was when I started getting my high school together. Good grades and stuff, so I could go to university," Gallier said. "But up to my last year in high school, university was definitely not in the cards for me. I figured I'd go to a community college in Toronto, pick up some

kind of trade, and get out into the workforce."

Gallier's first year at Concordia was far from easy. He really had to focus on school work first, because "my grades in high school weren't the greatest." Being away from home for the first time was tough, too, as were the demands of practising every day.

"But I really believe all those things I went through really helped me to be the person I am now," he said.

Nine regular-season games remain for Gallier before the Quebec conference playoffs and a possibility of returning to the CIS national championship in mid-March for one last chance at a national title.

What he will take with him after that will be memories of a lot of good times from having opportunities to play basketball at a level few others have experienced and travel to places he'd previously only read or saw pictures about. But mostly, he'll remember his teammates.

"The team is my family," said Gallier. "These guys are my brothers and I'll remember them far beyond after I'm finished here."

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UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

Stingers roll over Redmen

Quebec MVP Buckley leads way with 22 points

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The Stingers followed the game plan to the letter and they're one win away from a berth in the CIS men's basketball national championship.

With league MVP point-guard Damian Buckley leading the way with 22 points and 10 assists, the seventh-ranked Stingers rolled to an 80-63 victory over the McGill Redmen in the Quebec conference semifinal at Concordia Gym last night.

Concordia will host the UQAM Citadins in the final Thursday at 8 p.m. The Citadins shocked the Laval Rouge et Or 84-73 in the other semifinal in Quebec City.

The Stingers jumped to a 21-7 lead before the first quarter was over and never looked back, beating McGill for the fourth time in five meetings this season and for the third time in eight days.

Six-foot-7 centre Jamal Gallier also finished the night with a double-double for the Stingers with 12 points and 13 rebounds, and guard Decee Krah added 11 points highlighted by three timely 3-pointers.

Concordia scored when it needed to, but the defence was the difference, all but shutting down McGill's outside shooting game.

"We knew coming in that 45 per cent of McGill's (field goals) are from 3-point range. That's where they can really hurt you and trying to limit them as much as we could was the game plan," said senior guard Dwayne Buckley, who added six points and a couple of assists in support of his younger brother.

The older Buckley called the team's performance "solid" but it has really only scratched the surface as far as its potential.

Guard Moustafa El Zanaty and centre Sean Anthony, each in a McGill uniform for the last time, had 23 and 17 points, respectively. The Redmen trailed 44-31 at half-time and despite closing to within



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McGill's Moustafa El Zanaty dribbles past Concordia's Pierre Thompson last night during Quebec University Basketball League semifinal at Concordia.

eight (70-62) with 4:55 left in the final quarter.

Damian played 38 minutes before having to leave the game with a couple of minutes left after taking a hard knock to the head that left him dazed. He had left his imprint on the game long before the incident occurred.

"Damian Buckley is the best point guard in the league. The best in country," head coach John Dore said. "He did a great job and Jamal was a beast inside, the couldn't control him."

McGill head coach Craig Norman said his team dug itself a big hole and expended energy early trying to crawl out it.

"We came out and for whatever reason, we were rattled," he said. "Give Concordia credit, they attacked on the glass, came out tougher than us."

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Stingers earn berth in CIS Final Eight

Laroche leads way
with 28 points

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It took a strong third quarter for the Stingers to dig themselves out of a 10-point half-time hole, but they pulled off a gritty 79-76 comeback win over the UQAM Citadins in the Quebec men's basketball conference final last night.

With the win, before a capacity crowd of 623 inside a steamy Concordia Gym last night, the Stingers are headed to the CIS Final Eight national championship tournament March 12-15 in Ottawa.

Evans Laroche scored 22 of his team-high 28 points in a second half that saw the Stingers take the lead for the first time with 3:15 left in the third quarter on a pair of free throws by the rookie forward.

Fourth-year point-guard Damian Buckley added 21 points and 11 assists for Concordia, which forced several key turnovers in the game's final minute after the teams were tied 75-75. The Stingers led 77-77 before Laroche iced the win with 10 seconds left for the regular-season champs.



Stingers' Pierre Thompson celebrates Concordia's playoff win over Citadins last night.

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The Stingers trailed 46-36 at halftime and fell behind by 12 three times in the last six minutes of the second quarter.

"Our whole team stepped it up in the second half," Concordia head coach John Dore said. "(UQAM) came out and competed a lot harder in the first half than we did. They got off to a good start, made their shots, but I think we did what we had to do to win the game."

Souleymane Diagne led UQAM with 30 points and ignited a relentless attack with 13 points in the first 20 minutes. When the 6-foot-4 forward wasn't the one scoring, his teammates — especially guard Adil El Makssoud who had 17 points — made shots or converted on the offensive boards.

Concordia played out of synch for the most part in the first half, committing a rash of turnovers and appeared

bewildered by the in-your-face play of UQAM and the fact the Citadins shot 55.9 per cent from the floor.

The final was a coming-out party for Laroche, who beat up the Citadins inside and on the baseline.

"This is like an incredible dream and the best part is that it's not over yet," he said.

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Buckley buoys Stingers' hoops hopes

Standout point-guard Damian joins brother Dwayne as No. 7-ranked Concordia begins CIS title quest

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Stingers point-guard Damian Buckley drives against Redmen's Matthew Thornhill during semifinal last week at Concordia.

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Stingers point-guard Damian Buckley believes things happen in life for a reason.

He graduated from Vanier College as a two-time all-Canadian and was offered an athletic scholarship to an American university. But he turned it down because he was about to become a father.

"Because of the baby, I decided to stay in Montreal," said the 23-year-old, who is in his fourth season with Concordia. "Quasy is 3 now, old enough to watch me play. It's something that you can't really grasp. It's unusual for a guy to go through university with a child, going to classes and playing a sport. I don't know too many guys who've been in that situation.

"But for me, having the child when I did was great because it's how I came to Concordia. It's been great ever since I've been here."

This season, Buckley is a top candidate to be named the outstanding basketball player in Canadian Interuniversity Sport. And one of his biggest supporters is older brother Dwayne, who is in his fifth and final year at Concordia and is also one of the most talented players in the country.

"Damian's carried us this season," said Dwayne, who is two inches taller and 18 months older than his brother.

"There's not much else you can say. It's a fact. He's had a great season, really taken on a big leadership role. It's fun for me watching him, but especially playing alongside him."

The Buckley brothers will be in action tonight when the Stingers host the Université du Québec à Montréal Citadins in the conference final. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. at the Concordia Gym, which is sold out. The winner will advance to the CIS Final Eight tournament March 12-15 in Ottawa.

A lot of the attention tonight will be focused on Damian, who was named conference player of the year after earning a second-team all-Canadian nod last year.

Damian is the engine for Concordia, which is ranked seventh in the country after winning the Quebec conference regular-season title with a 12-4 record. He's an all-around player who was among the best in Quebec in scoring, averaging nearly 20 points, five assists and four steals per game.

On Feb. 7, Damian reached the 1,000 mark in career regular-season points in his 55th game, scoring a team-high 19 points in a 75-66 win over the Laval Rouge et Or.

"I've had a pretty good year," Damian said modestly. "Actually, I think it's been better than last year, when I had a lot of 30-point-plus games. This year, I've felt more at ease about things. The weight lifted off my shoulders a bit.

"I didn't really go on any scoring explosions because there really was no need to. All the other guys have done their jobs to get us where we are. It wasn't just me."

Damian's brother is one of three Concordia seniors in their last year, along with 6-foot-7 centre Jamal Gallier and shooting guard Levi Vann. With Damian, all four went to the nationals two years ago, where Concordia settled for consolation honours. Dwayne, Gallier and Vann were also there in 2005, when the Stingers fell 68-48 to Carleton in the gold-medal game.

"I'd like to take this season as far as possible, not only for Dwayne, but for all the fifth-year guys," Damian said.

"They're a special group, have been here for all four years I've been here. Nothing would be sweeter than to help them get to that final game (at nationals) again.

"We have the opportunity. It starts by winning (tonight)."

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Les Stingers champions du Québec

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Il s'est gagné jeudi soir un championnat québécois de basket-ball universitaire. Des gars de chez nous ont joué un grand match, tout en émotion, dans le petit gymnase du campus Loyola de l'Université Concordia.

Les Stingers l'ont emporté 79 à 76 au bout de 40 minutes de délire, dans un gymnase plein à craquer (600 spectateurs), face aux Citadins de l'Université du Québec à Montréal.

Malheureusement, ce grand match passera une fois de plus incognito au Québec. Ce n'est, après tout, qu'un simple affrontement de sport universitaire canadien, pis, un autre «show» qu'un match de hockey.

En toile de fond de cette rencontre, une décision prise par Evens Laroche avant même que la saison commence. Il avait d'abord joint les rangs des Citadins. Puis, il s'est ravisé et s'est présenté aux Stingers.

«J'avais besoin de me retrouver dans une «famille», avec mes *chums*. Je ne ressentais pas cette sensation avec les Citadins», confiait un jeune homme fou de joie, après une éblouissante performance de 28 points.

Damian: le meilleur au pays

Pendant que ses coéquipiers dansaient de joie, en retrait, l'extraordinaire meneur de jeu Damian Buckley les observait, les yeux rieurs. Jamais n'avait-il été aussi heureux.

«C'est immense, cette victoire. Nous avons tellement mal commencé le match. À la mi-temps, nous accusions un retard de dix points. J'ai pris la parole dans le vestiaire, question de calmer les joueurs. Je leur ai demandé de ne pas précipiter les choses, d'y aller point par point. Nous avons accompli tout un retour.»

Dans les secondes qui ont suivi la fin du match, la *coach* des Citadins, Olga Hrycak, a demandé une faveur à Damian. «Fais-moi le plaisir, la semaine prochaine à Ottawa (site du championnat canadien), de prouver que tu es le meilleur meneur de jeu au pays. Saprستي, chaque fois qu'on perd un match contre les Stingers, c'est par trois points et c'est toujours Damian qui fait la différence.» Buckley a connu un autre match de double-double avec 21 points et 11 aides.

On a toutefois rappelé à Hrycak la performance d'un certain Evens Laroche. Bonne joueuse, elle a répliqué, petit sourire sur les lèvres: «Tu ne peux pas forcer quelqu'un à jouer pour toi si ça le rend malheureux.»

Non mais, jeudi soir, Evens a rendu malheureux tous les partisans des Citadins.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

DESTINATION: OTTAWA

AFTER QUEBEC TITLE, STINGERS OFF TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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As the clock ran down to zero, and the buzzer sounded at the end of the fourth quarter to signal the end of the QSSF men's basketball final between the Concordia Stingers and UQAM Citadins in front of a sold out, championship-worthy crowd of 623 at the Concordia Gym last Thursday, Stingers point guard and Quebec MVP Damian Buckley laid on his back at center court and was mobbed by his teammates.

That moment was indicative of the Stingers' success in a game that was more difficult than most envisioned going into it. Concordia trailed by 10 at halftime before a third quarter rally led the way to a 79-76 victory to secure their place in the CIS Final 8 National championship tournament later this week.

It was crazy," Damian said of the feeling when the buzzer sounded. "First, we were down 10 at halftime. It was also my brother [Dwayne's] last year, it was [centre] Jamal [Gallier's] last year and I felt like I couldn't go any more. I was cramping the entire second half. I felt like asking for a sub. I continued, I played and we came through." Damian Buckley is going to be an all-Canadian this year," said Stingers head coach John Dore. "He's the best point guard in the country. We put the ball in his hands for the last 1:20, said 'this is what we're going to do,' and we did it." Buckley put in a valiant effort that was routine for followers of the Stingers the entire season. He scored 21 points and 11 assists, while playing practically every minute.

In a game where veteran leadership was lauded, Stingers also got an outstanding performance from a first-year player. Evens Laroche had 28 points in the game, missing only one shot – going 11/12 – from the field. He also knocked in all of his six free-throws, and had six offensive rebounds including one that allowed the Stingers to clock valuable time off of the clock with less than a minute remaining.

"For me, it was now or never," Laroche said. "I played like it was the last game of my life. I came in stronger, worked harder and was tougher and came away with the win."

Evens was great in the second half," said Dore. He rebounded, he was active on the glass and benefited from feeds from Damian inside. He adds a different dimension to our team."

The Stingers, who trailed by 10 at halftime, fell behind by 12 (51-39) early in the third quarter. Then, they went on a 17-3 run to finally take the lead 56-54 in that quarter. The turnaround was based on defence, and a halftime talk in the locker room.

We told the guys that there was a lot of time left," Dore said. "There were 20 minutes left and had to do what we do and that's get defensive stops. We came out in the second half with lots of intensity. We had a couple of emotion plays, with me Thompson taking a charge, we scored some buckets and we were right back in the game," he said.

Playing good defence was the most important thing," Thompson said. "We couldn't just try and score because they are just as good as us offensively. We had to get stops and that's what we did."

At halftime I said this wasn't going to be my last year," Dwayne said. "We pulled together, played harder and we pulled it off."

"I am so proud of the guys," said Gallier. "We could have easily folded. We haven't played one third quarter all season but we pulled together and came back and took the lead."

We believed we could win," Damian said. "We knew we could do it. The guys didn't falter, we played as a team and got the job done."

Concordia took the lead for good coming out of the meout with 1:40 remaining when Decree Krah

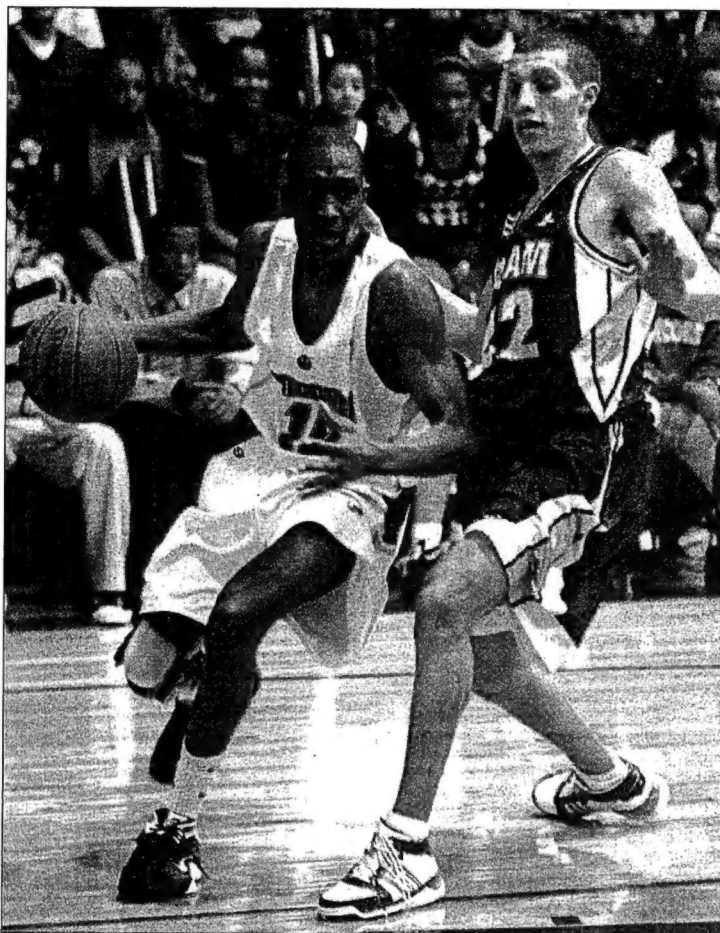


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"AT HALFTIME I SAID THIS WASN'T GOING TO BE MY LAST GAME. WE PULLED TOGETHER, PLAYED HARDER AND WE PULLED IT OFF."

FIFTH-YEAR STINGER DWAYNE BUCKLEY, PICTURED ABOVE

put Concordia up 77-75.

UQAM had a chance to tie the game with 10 seconds left, but a wild three point attempt by Adil El Makssoud missed the mark.

This marks the Stingers first trip back to Nationals since 2007, when Concordia entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed, but was shocked by the No. 8 Saint Mary's Huskies in the first round.

Seven players remain from that team, and two – fifth year players Dwayne Buckley and Gallier – remain from the 2005 team that lost to the Carleton Ravens in the championship game.

The Stingers are looking to build off of being upset in their last Nationals appearance. After losing their first game, they achieved the best possible result taking home the consolation final.

"In 2007, I was one of the leaders," said Damian. "I was only in my second year but now I'm in my fifth year. We know what to expect, and we know what it will take to win a National Champion-

ship."

"A lot of us learned from that mistake [in 2007]," Thompson said. "The tournament is going to have the top eight teams in the country. Everyone will be good, so we have to work just as hard as anyone we play."

For the graduating members of the Stingers, their last game on Concordia soil will bring memories of a Quebec championship.

"This means everything to me," Gallier said. "I have never worked so hard in my life. Everything the coaches put me through to make me a better player was worth it. This is for my parents, my family, my team, my coaches... Everyone that knows me, this is for them. Now we're going to Ottawa and we have work to do there."

"This is the only way it should end," said Dwayne Buckley.

"But it's not the end yet. This was only one step. It was only one of our goals."

Final 8 Schedule Friday

TIME	GAME
12:30	Calgary-Concordia
2:30	UBC-Dalhousie
6:00	Ottawa-Western
8:00	Carleton-St. F.X.

Final 8 Schedule Saturday

TIME	GAME
12:30	Consolation SF #1
2:30	Consolation SF #2
6:00	Semifinal #1
8:00	Semifinal #2

Final 8 Schedule Sunday

TIME	GAME
1:30	Consolation Final
4:00	Championship

CIS Men's Basketball Final 8 Seedings (Final regular season ranking)

1	Carleton (1)
2	Calgary (T-5)
3	UBC (2)
4	Ottawa (3)
5	Western (4)
6	Dalhousie (NR)
7	Concordia (7)
8	St. F.X. (T-5)